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REMARKS

Applicants have submitted with this amendment a new Declaration including a claim of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to U.S. Patent Application 08/969,302, filed November 13, 1997, now U.S. Patent 6,322,901. The time period for submitting a reference to a prior application listed in 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(2)(ii) does not apply, because the later-filed application is an application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) before November 29, 2000. See 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(2)(ii)(B).

CONCLUSION

Applicants ask that the specification be amended as indicated above.